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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF GUAM

JAY MERRILL, et. al.,

Plaintiffs,

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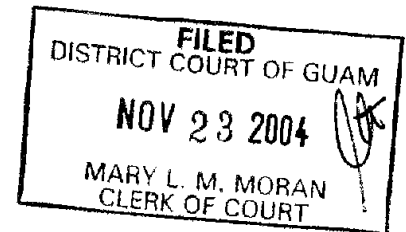
THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION, et. al.

Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. 04-00046

(Superior Court of Guam
Civil Case No. CV1111-04)

**SUPPLEMENTAL OPPOSITION TO
MOTION TO STRIKE**



ORIGINAL

1 The Governor of Guam, Felix P. Camacho (the “Governor”), respectfully submits
2 this supplemental opposition to the motion to strike filed by the Attorney General of Guam.

3 INTRODUCTION

4 The Legislature and Governor of Guam adopted legislation to permit the people to
5 vote on a controversial ballot initiative. Without consulting the Legislature or the Governor, the
6 Attorney General appeared on their “behalf” in this action and attempted to stipulate to an
7 injunction preventing the people from voting on the initiative. When the Governor and the
8 Legislature appeared through independent counsel and objected to this stipulation, the Attorney
9 General moved to strike their appearances and objections.
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11 In his motion to strike, the Attorney General claims that Guam’s elected
12 lawmakers have no right to appear through independent counsel either to defend a law they
13 passed or to defend the people’s right to vote. He suggests that he will have the Legislature and
14 Governor dismissed from the case (Motion to Strike at 2 n.1) and further threatens that “lest the
15 sole remaining defendant the Executive Director of the Guam Election Commission attempt to
16 appear by private counsel and assert a legal position contrary to that presented by the Attorney
17 General, it is respectfully submitted that it to has no voice in this litigation.” (*Id.* at 3:4-7.) Were
18 these claims true, the Attorney General would have the power to create law by stipulation, with
19 no checks and balance—a power no individual in Guam or any jurisdiction within the United
20 States enjoys (and one that has not been held since the days of monarchy described in the
21 Attorney General’s brief).
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23 Because the ability to create law is the core of democratic government, this power
24 is meticulously divided, checked, and balanced. Only the Legislature, which is comprised of
25 multiple elected representatives, may pass laws. This power is checked by the Governor’s ability
26 to veto them. And it is further checked by the Judiciary’s duty to review them in adversarial
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1 proceedings. Division of this power between multiple individuals and each branch of government
2 ensures that this fundamental power is not left unchecked in the hands of one person.

3 Here, the Attorney General is attempting to use his role as a lawyer to circumvent
4 all these checks and balances. By ignoring his clients (the elected lawmakers) and proclaiming
5 that they have “no voice,” he seeks to join sides with the plaintiffs and enter into a stipulation that
6 would repeal democratically enacted legislation without a hearing. Not only would this be a
7 legislative act, and not only would this leave the defendants in this case with nobody representing
8 their interests, it also would deprive this Court of its ability and duty to pass on the legality of the
9 underlying laws. It would destroy the system of checks and balances and effectively make the
10 Attorney General the ultimate arbiter of Guam law (in this case in the service of the private
11 gambling interest plaintiffs) pursuant to his position that he is both the client and the lawyer for
12 all branches of Guam’s government.
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15 The Attorney General conflates his role of bringing litigation to serve the public
16 interest with his *separate* role of defending government officers and agencies when they are sued
17 in their official capacities. There is no dispute that the Attorney General is an elected officer of
18 the Government duty bound to protect the public interest (like all of the defendants in this case),
19 or that he may bring litigation to benefit the public. But this role does not give him the ability to
20 assume lawmaking powers, to substitute his individual notion of the “public interest” for duly
21 enacted laws, or to prevent elected lawmakers from raising issues with the courts when he is
22 acting in his capacity as counsel for the government. Under those circumstances, he has a duty
23 either to faithfully represent the elected repositories of the public interest, such as the Governor
24 and Legislature, or to step aside so that independent counsel may give voice to these elected
25 leaders in the courts.
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1 On November 2, 2004, the people of Guam voted against Proposal A. As a result, if Bill
2 374 is found to be legal and organic, the vote of the people will stand. The goal of this suit, now
3 that the election has gone forward (and Prop A lost) is to invalidate the election and to have the
4 Governor ordered to hold another, special election where the private gambling interests that the
5 Attorney General has joined think they stand a better chance.
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7 Because the case was stayed until the results were finalized, the response to the
8 motion to strike was not due until November 23, fourteen days after election results were
9 certified. However, as a matter of caution, on November 12, the Governor filed an initial
10 opposition to the motion, noting that he would file this supplemental opposition on November 23.
11 The Governor now submits this brief to defend his right to appear in this case and his right to
12 present to the Court his position in support of Bill 374, which he signed into law to enable the
13 people of Guam to be able to vote on Proposal A.
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15 ARGUMENT

16 Following the federal system of divided government that is echoed in the Fifty
17 States, the Organic Act of Guam¹ provides that the Government of Guam is comprised of three
18 branches each with a separate sphere of power. 48 U.S.C. § 1421a (“The government of Guam
19 shall consist of three branches, Executive, Legislative, and Judicial...”). The Attorney General
20 lacks control or dominion over the policies over any of these three branches.
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22 The Attorney General does not possess the executive power because the Organic
23 Act vests it in the Governor. 48 U.S.C. § 1422 (“the executive power of Guam shall be vested in
24 an executive officer whose title shall be the ‘Governor of Guam.’”). The Attorney General does
25 not possess the legislative power because the Organic Act vests it in the Legislature. 48 U.S.C. §
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28 ¹ The Organic Act of Guam serves as Guam’s constitution. *Taisipic v. Marion*, 1996
Guam 9, ¶ 26 (citing *Bordallo v. Baldwin*, 624 F.2d 932, 934 (9th Cir. 1980)).

1 1423(a) (“The legislative power and authority of Guam shall be vested in a legislature, consisting
2 of a single house, to be designated the “Legislature of Guam.””). The Attorney General does not
3 possess the judicial power because the Organic Act vests it in the Judiciary. 48 U.S.C. § 1424 (as
4 amended Oct. 31, 2004). Thus, unlike the Governor, Legislature, or Judiciary, the Attorney
5 General heads none of the branches of Guam’s government and can control none of their powers.
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7 Despite possessing neither executive, nor legislative, nor judicial power, the
8 Attorney General suggests he can set contrary “legal policies” that undermine these powers
9 because he is an elected “chief legal officer” under the Organic Act. (Motion to Strike at 5-6.)
10 The “legal policy” the Attorney General attempted to “set” was to enter a stipulated order that
11 directly repealed the actions of the Governor and Legislature in passing and executing Bill 374,
12 and prevented the Judiciary from ruling on the issue of whether this law was legal by conceding
13 the case in a stipulation. This stipulation also would have waived the government’s sovereign
14 immunity defenses (defenses the Attorney General acknowledges exists in his Motion to Strike at
15 2 n.1.) in direct contravention of Guam law, which requires an express vote by the Legislature
16 before sovereign immunity may be waived. *Pacific Rock Corp. v. Dept. of Educ.*, 2001 Guam 21,
17 ¶ 19 (“In order for a suit to be maintained, therefore, against the Government of Guam and any of
18 its instrumentality such as DOE, there must be an express waiver of sovereign immunity by the
19 Guam Legislature”) (citing 48 U.S.C. § 1421a); see *Marx v. Govt. of Guam*, 866 F.2d 294, 298
20 (9th Cir. 1989) (Guam has inherent sovereign immunity). Thus, if the Attorney General’s right to
21 set “legal policy” goes this far, it would be a complete abrogation of the powers of the Governor,
22 Legislature, and Judiciary in favor of the Attorney General.
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25 **I. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CANNOT REPEAL LAWS**

26 If, as he contends, the Attorney General could stipulate to the illegality of a law,
27 while preventing the branches of government responsible for lawmaking from defending it, he
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1 would be usurping the Legislature's power to pass and repeal laws and the Governor's power to
2 approve or veto them. Guam follows the federal separation of powers doctrine. *In re Request of*
3 *Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez*, 2002 Guam 1, ¶¶ 32, 34 (Feb. 7, 2002). "Even absent a finding
4 that one branch has usurped a power exclusively reserved for another branch, a separation of
5 powers violation may still be found if 'one branch unduly interferes with another branch so that
6 the other branch cannot effectively exercise its constitutionally assigned powers.'" *Id.* at ¶ 35
7 (quotation omitted).
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9 Pursuant to Guam's Organic Act, the "legislative power and authority of Guam
10 shall be vested in a legislature, consisting of a single house, to be designated the 'Legislature of
11 Guam.'" 48 U.S.C. § 1423(a). "In granting 'legislative power' to the Guam Legislature,
12 Congress granted a power analogous to its own." *People v. Fegurgur*, 800 F.2d 1470, 1474 (9th
13 Cir. 1986).
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15 Enacting and repealing law are legislative functions. *Nat'l R.R. Passenger Corp.*
16 *v. Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Ry. Co.*, 470 U.S. 451, 466 (1985) ("the principal function of a
17 legislature is not to make contracts, but to make laws that establish the policy of the state");
18 *Clinton v. New York*, 524 U.S. 417, 444 (2001) (repeal of act of Congress is legislative act).
19 "[T]he power to enact statutes may only 'be exercised in accord with a single, finely wrought and
20 exhaustively considered, procedure.'" *Clinton*, 524 U.S. at 439-40 (quoting *INS v. Chadha*, 916
21 U.S. 919, 951 (1983)). Under the Organic Act, this procedure requires laws to be passed by a
22 majority of the Legislature and signed by the Governor, or by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature
23 overriding the Governor's veto. 48 U.S.C. § 1423i.
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25 Here, the Attorney General's stipulation to the illegality of Bill 374 would
26 effectively repeal that law without any of the procedures required for such an act. And it would
27 circumvent the judicial review necessary to declare a duly enacted law to be unconstitutional.
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1 Nothing in the Organic Act or any other statute permits such an exercise of power
2 by the Attorney General. The Attorney General relies on his “right to bring suit to challenge laws
3 which he believes are unconstitutional.” (Motion to Strike at 5:6-9 (citing 5 G.C.A. § 30103).)
4 But that is not what he has done here. He did not bring any suit that the Government could
5 defend. Instead, he sought to unilaterally declare a law unconstitutional without ever allowing the
6 Court to pass on this question or allowing those who enacted it to defend the law. In that posture,
7 he would be repealing the law, not subjecting it to constitutional scrutiny through the adversarial
8 process—which is what the Governor seeks in making an appearance through independent
9 counsel. Indeed, if the Attorney General were allowed to stipulate away legislation, he would
10 deprive the Court of its power of judicial review altogether.
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12 The Attorney General’s title of “chief legal officer” does not confer any such
13 power. Section 1421g(d)(1) of the Organic Act states only that the Attorney General serves as the
14 “Chief Legal Officer of the Government of Guam.” In the U.S. Code, “chief legal officer” just
15 means “attorney general.” *E.g.* 15 U.S.C. § 15g(1) (“The term ‘State attorney general’ means the
16 chief legal officer of a State....”); *accord* 15 U.S.C. §§ 5714(2), 6106(1); 42 U.S.C. §
17 1997c(b)(1)(A). As the Oklahoma Supreme Court has held, it is impossible to see how
18 “legislative investiture of the mantle of ‘Chief Law Officer’ alone confer[s] upon the office a
19 stature which it did not already have....” *Cartwright v. Georgia-Pacific Corp.*, 663 P.2d 718,
20 722-23 (Okla. 1983); *accord Williams v. McKiethen*, 1990 WL 265971, at *5 (M.D. La. July 20,
21 1990) (“chief legal officer” is just an explanatory phrase “without substantive meaning with
22 regard to powers, function or duties”); *Tarantino v. Bd. of Regents*, Guam Super Ct. Civil Case
23 No. 1455-00 (Decision and Order Dec. 5, 2000) at p. 8-9 (rejecting contention that Legislature
24 cannot limit common law powers because of the Organic Act’s amendment to designate attorney
25 general as “chief legal officer” because “[a] review of the House Reports of the 1998 Organic Act
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1 Amendments provides no support to Plaintiff's claim that the Attorney General harnesses powers
2 that are immune from local legislation.") (citing H.R. Rep. No. 105-742, 105th Cong. (2nd Sess.
3 1998)).

4 Likewise, no court has ever held that an attorney general may repeal legislation
5 over the objections of those who enacted the law. None of the many authorities the Attorney
6 General cites even comes close. In *Battle v. Anderson*, 708 F.2d 1523, 1529 (10th Cir. 1983), for
7 example, the issue was whether the attorney general or counsel for a department of corrections
8 would represent the state in pending litigation. The Legislature passed a resolution expressly
9 requiring the attorney general to represent the state, and on that basis the court held that the
10 attorney general was proper counsel. That case had nothing to do with an attorney general
11 repealing legislation through judicial concession, against the wishes of the legislature and
12 governor. To the contrary, he was defending the legislature's position on the law, as requested.
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14 The Attorney General also cites the Guam Superior Court decision in *Moylan v.*
15 *Camacho*, Super. Ct. of Guam Case No. SP230-03 (Dission Yan Otden Nov. 10, 2003), regarding
16 his "common law powers." *Moylan* held an attorney general has a "dual role" in (1) bringing
17 litigation to enforce the public interest, and (2) acting as counsel for state agencies. *Id.* at 40.
18 *Moylan* dealt with the Attorney General's role in bringing litigation to enforce the public interest.
19 It held that an attorney general may sue the governor when acting in that capacity. It did not
20 discuss an attorney general's powers as counsel for state agencies, much less hold (or even
21 suggest) that an attorney general may elevate his view of the public interest above all others when
22 acting in that capacity. To the contrary, the court explained: "[T]he Court **does not** intimate that
23 the Attorney General has the final determination of what is in the public interest. The Governor
24 may very well have a different view of what is the public interest. When their positions conflict
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1 as to the public interest, as in the controversy before the court, it is appropriate that the Courts
2 determine what the public interest calls for.” *Id.* at 43 (emphasis added).

3 **II. THE GOVERNOR CONTROLS EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING**
4 **LITIGATION INVOLVING HIM OR EXECUTIVE AGENCIES**

5 The execution of executive functions is subject to the ultimate control and
6 direction of the Governor. This is expressly provided for in the Organic Act, which vests the
7 Governor with: (1) “The executive power of Guam....”; (2) “[G]eneral supervision and control of
8 all the departments, bureaus, agencies, and other instrumentalities of the executive branch of
9 Guam”; and (3) “Responsib[ility] for the faithful execution of the laws of Guam and the laws of
10 the United States applicable in Guam.” 48 U.S.C. § 1422.

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12 The Organic Act’s requirement that the Governor maintain ultimate control over
13 executive functions was recently reaffirmed by the Guam Supreme Court in *In re Request of*
14 *Governor Felix P. Camacho*, 2004 Guam 10. As the court held, the Legislature is free to vest an
15 executive function in a pre-existing officer of its choosing (such as the Attorney General). *Id.* at
16 ¶¶ 51-52. However, **any executive function must ultimately be subject to the Governor’s**
17 **“general supervision and control” as provide for in 48 U.S.C. § 1422.** *Id.* at ¶ 41 (“statutory
18 provisions granting ‘exclusive’ purview over ... [executive agency] and ‘final’ submission and
19 approval authority over all federal fund applications to ... [executive agency director], are in
20 derogation of section 1422 of the Organic Act, which grants the Governor the power of general
21 supervision and control over executive branch bureaus”). “[T]he Governor’s power ... means that
22 the Governor is vested with the overall power to manage, direct, or oversee such [executive]
23 entities.” (emphasis added). *Id.* at ¶ 38.²

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27 ² This principle also applies in the federal system. *Bowsher v. Synar*, 478 U.S. 714, 726
28 (1986) (“To permit the execution of the laws to be vested in an officer answerable only to
Congress would, in practical terms, reserve in Congress control over the execution of the laws”).

1 Accordingly, under *In re Request of Governor Felix P. Camacho*, the ultimate
2 control of any litigation involving him or any executive agency must remain with the Governor.
3 *In re Request of Governor Felix P. Camacho*, 2004 Guam 10, ¶ 41; see *Govt. of Guam v. United*
4 *States*, Dist. Ct. of Guam Civil Case No. 82-0001 (Memorandum Order Aug. 3, 1982) at 6
5 (representation of the government “is clearly an executive function”). It would be a very hollow
6 executive power indeed if the Governor had the power to exercise his right to sign legislation
7 (such as Bill 374) or to direct executive agencies to perform a task, yet the Attorney General
8 could enter the court the next day to reverse this decision through a binding stipulation and order.
9 *State ex rel. Amerland v. Hagan*, 175 N.W. 372, 374 (N.D. 1919) (attorney general’s role
10 representing officers and departments “does not mean that the attorney general, standing in the
11 position of an attorney to a client, who happens to be an officer of the government, steps into the
12 shoes of such client in wholly directing the defense and the legal steps to be taken in opposition
13 or contrary to the wishes and demands of his client or the officer or department concerned.”).³

16 This is why, as stated in the Governor’s previously submitted Opposition, the vast
17 majority of courts, including the Guam Supreme Court, hold that an attorney general must follow
18 his clients’ instructions. *Pangelinan v. Gutierrez*, Sup. Ct. Case No. CVA 02-003 (Order Feb.
19 10, 2003) at 1 (requiring client’s consent before Attorney General could withdraw brief); *Motor*
20 *Club of Iowa v. Dept. of Transp.*, 251 N.W.2d 510, 516 (Iowa 1977) (“To accord the attorney
21 general the power he claims would leave all branches and agencies of government deprived of
22 access to the court except by his grace and with his consent. In a most fundamental sense such
23 departments and agencies would thereby exist and ultimately function only through him.”);
24 *Manchin v. Browning*, 296 S.E.2d 909, 921-22 (W. Va. 1982) (“state officers are entitled to have
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28 ³ Overruled on other grounds in *Benson v. North Dakota Workmen’s Compensation Bureau*, 283 N.W.2d 96 (N.D. 1979).

1 their lawful public policy decisions vindicated in the courts just as individuals are entitled to
2 vindicate their personal rights at law. The courts must be open to all. When the Attorney General
3 refuses to fulfill his duty, as required by law, to provide effective legal assistance to a state officer
4 involved in litigation, such refusal would operate to deny due process.”); *State ex rel. Allain v.*
5 *Mississippi Public Serv. Comm’n*, 418 So.2d 779, 784 (Miss. 1982) (similar); *Frazier v. State by*
6 *and through Pittman*, 504 So.2d 675, 692 n.17 (Miss. 1987) (similar); *Tice v. Dept’t of Transp.*,
7 312 S.E.2d 241, 245 (N.C. App. 1984) (“[T]he legislature intended that when the Attorney
8 General represents a State department...the traditional attorney-client relationship should exist.”);
9 *League of United Latin American Citizens, Council No. 4434 v. Clements*, 999 F.2d 831, 842-43
10 (5th Cir. 1993) (en banc) (similar); *Public Utility Comm’n of Texas v. Cofer*, 754 S.W.2d 121,
11 125 (Tex. 1988) (“We emphasize that when a statute confers a right upon the attorney general to
12 represent an agency, it imposes a corollary duty, and the agency has every right to expect the
13 same diligent and faithful representation as any other ‘client.’”); *Santa Rita Mining Co. v. Dept.*
14 *of Property Valuation*, 530 P.2d 360, 362 (Ariz. 1975) (similar); *State ex rel. Howard v.*
15 *Oklahoma Corporation Commission*, 614 P.2d 45, 50 (Okla. 1980) (similar). This also is
16 consistent with the Guam’s Superior Court’s decision (cited by the Legislature in its Opposition)
17 that the Guam Airport Authority was free to seek counsel of its own choosing. *A.B. Wonpat*
18 *Guam Int’l Airport Auth’y v. Moylan*, Guam Super. Ct. Case No. SP0055-03, Decision & Order,
19 at 11-12 (May 9, 2003).

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23 The Attorney General insists he should not have to be a “mouthpiece” for the
24 Governor or the executive branch. (Motion to Strike at 6.) The Governor agrees. Simply
25 because the Governor has a right to control the litigation involving his office and his
26 administration based upon the Governor’s control of executive functions does not mean that the
27 Governor has an inherent right to insist that the Attorney General carry out this executive
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1 function. The Attorney General is an attorney. The rules of ethics of the American legal system
2 have long recognized that attorneys are not obligated to represent policies with which they
3 fundamentally disagree. Guam Rule of Prof. Conduct 1.16(b)(4) (lawyer may withdraw if lawyer
4 “fundamentally disagrees” with client’s direction) (following ABA Model Rule 1.16).

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6 Thus, when confronted with a situation where he disagrees with his client’s
7 instructions, the Attorney General need not be anyone’s mouthpiece; he need only withdraw. *See*
8 *Chun v. Bd. of Trustees*, 952 P.2d 1215, 1239 (Hawaii 1998) (“[T]he Attorney General did not
9 afford the Board the loyal representation to which it was statutorily entitled. Indeed, the Attorney
10 General acknowledges as much in ‘the Board’s’ supplemental answering brief, in which she
11 asserts ‘that while the Attorney General represents state officers, her paramount duty is to protect
12 the interests of the people of the State.’ Having perceived herself to be in a conflict of interest
13 with the Board, the Attorney General was ethically obligated to recommend retention of other
14 counsel.”); *Manchin*, 296 S.E.2d at 922 (attorney general must withdraw in favor of appointed
15 counsel if a conflict exists). As one court explained, after an attorney general begins a
16 representation, it is possible that a department’s view might diverge from the attorney general’s,
17 but “[s]uch an eventuality should not give the attorney general the power to impose his will on the
18 department. [Instead,] [i]t might well provide the basis for substitution of counsel with a tardy
19 appearance by the attorney general in behalf of what he perceives to be the state interest.” *Motor*
20 *Club of Iowa*, 251 N.W. 2d at 516; *accord State ex rel. Allain*, 418 So.2d at 784 (“The unique
21 position of the attorney general requires that when his views differ from or he finds himself at
22 odds with an agency, then he must allow the assigned counsel or specially appointed counsel to
23 represent the agency unfettered and uninfluenced by the attorney general’s personal opinion. If
24 the public interest is involved, he may intervene to protect it.”).

1 **III. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CASES REGARDING AGENCIES AND**
2 **OFFICERS ARE FAR OFF-POINT**

3 The Attorney General purports to cite cases that suggest he can override a client's
4 instructions. (Motion to Strike at 9-12.) None of these decisions involved an attorney general
5 stipulating that duly enacted legislation was unconstitutional over the objections of a governor or
6 legislature, or in any other manner that even approaches authorizing what he seeks to do in this
7 case.

8 For example, in *Feeney v. Commonwealth*, 366 N.E. 2d 1262 (Mass. 1977) (cited
9 in Motion to Strike at 8, 9, 11), the court permitted the attorney general to appeal a decision
10 holding that legislation was unconstitutional, even though the state agency that was sued was
11 willing to concede the issue at that stage. This decision is consistent with (1) the attorney
12 general's role of defending the legislature, which had passed a resolution urging the attorney
13 general to appeal in that case, *id.* at 1264, (2) the attorney general's duty to defend the
14 constitutionality of duly enacted statutes, (3) the attorney general's right to advance the public
15 interest through litigation, and (4) the courts' duty to decide the law with the benefit of
16 adversarial briefing. This case in no way suggests that an attorney general is empowered to do
17 just the opposite, *i.e.*, (1) refuse to defend the legislature's enactments, (2) stipulate to the
18 unconstitutionality of duly enacted legislation, (3) prevent the legislative and executive branches
19 from being heard in the courts, and (4) disable the courts from passing on the constitutionality of
20 a law through his role as attorney for the state all of which is what the Attorney General seeks to
21 do here.

22 Moreover, none of the Attorney General's cited cases involve an attorney general
23 overriding the policy decisions of the governor or legislature where they are named parties, much
24 less the situation here, where they are named as parties, *and* their interests in the litigation are
25 aligned. *See, e.g., Secretary of Admin. and Fin. v. Attorney General*, 326 N.E.2d 334, 339 n.8
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1 (Mass. 1975) (“where there is a policy disagreement between the Attorney General and the
2 Governor or his designee, the appropriate procedure would be for the Attorney General to appoint
3 a special assistant to represent the Governor’s interests.”); *Ex parte Weaver*, 570 So.2d 675, 684
4 (Ala. 1990) (regardless of attorney general’s views, governor can always intervene to “express his
5 views and take positions contrary to those argued by the attorney general”).⁴ And not a single
6 one takes into account Guam’s Organic Act and laws. The only case that does that is *Pangelinan*
7 *v. Guitierrez*, Sup. Ct. Case No. CVA 02-003 (Order Feb. 10, 2003) at 1, where the Guam
8 Supreme Court required the Attorney General to obey the instructions of his client in that case,
9 the Governor.

10 CONCLUSION

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12 The Legislature’s power to make the laws of Guam, the Governor’s power to sign
13 and execute the laws of Guam, and Courts’ powers to review whether legislation is organic do not
14 end at the doors of the Attorney General’s office. The Legislature and Governor have the right to
15 appear before the Court through legal representatives who will faithfully advocate their policies
16 and positions. Accordingly, the Governor respectfully requests that the motion to strike the
17 appearance and objections of independent counsel by the Governor and Legislature be denied.
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19 Dated this 23rd day of November, 2004.

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27 ⁴ *Terry v. Wilder*, 29 Va. Cir. 418 (1992) (cited in AG MPA at 8), was overruled by the
28 Supreme Court of Virginia in *Wilder v. Atty. General*, 439 S.E.2d 398, 403 (Va. 1994), which
held that the governor could constitutionally remove the attorney general from representing an
officer or agency when he perceived a conflict.